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Disposition of Claims				
 4) ☐ Claim(s) 68-75 and 116-120 is/are pending in t 4a) Of the above claim(s) is/are withdraw 5) ☐ Claim(s) is/are allowed. 6) ☐ Claim(s) 68-75, 116-120 is/are rejected. 7) ☐ Claim(s) is/are objected to. 8) ☐ Claim(s) are subject to restriction and/or 	vn from consideration.			
Application Papers				
9) The specification is objected to by the Examiner 10) The drawing(s) filed on is/are: a) access Applicant may not request that any objection to the of Replacement drawing sheet(s) including the correction 11) The oath or declaration is objected to by the Ex	epted or b) objected to by the Edrawing(s) be held in abeyance. See on is required if the drawing(s) is obj	e 37 CFR 1.85(a). jected to. See 37 CFR 1.121(d).		
Priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119				
 12) Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f). a) All b) Some * c) None of: 1. Certified copies of the priority documents have been received. 2. Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. 3. Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this National Stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)). * See the attached detailed Office action for a list of the certified copies not received. 				
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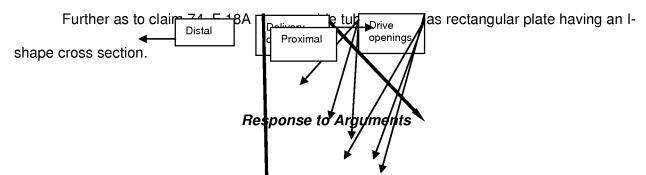
DETAILED ACTION

Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 102

The text of those sections of Title 35, U.S. Code not included in this action can be found in a prior Office action.

Claims 68-75, 116-120 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 102(e) as anticipated by Makower et al-6,090,063 (Makower).

As to claims 68-75, 116-120, Makeower (F 18A-18B; C 13, L 34-61; C 14, L 31-43) discloses a filament such as a suture wire of a metal (C 6, L 42 to C 7, L 32) shown as filament 123 (F 18A-18B) stored in a detachable/removable spool (a suture wire holder) or cartridge (a housing) as disclosed in C 13, L 34-61 (not shown in F 18A-18B) to store a length of suture wire 123, a guide pathway formed by input conduit 126 and output conduit 125 (a tube) attached to a rectangular plate (a suture guide support or guide tube support) to define two opposed lateral openings for a drive mechanism comprising belts 121, 122 to push suture wire 123 distally substantially as recited in the claims.



Applicant's arguments with respect to claims 68-75, 116-120 have been considered but are most in view of the new ground(s) of rejection.

Conclusion

Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Vy Q. Bui whose telephone number is 571-272-4692. The examiner can normally be reached on Monday-Tuesday and Thursday-Friday.

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/Vy Q. Bui/ Primary Examiner, Art Unit 3773